Divorce proceedings under the Nayar Regulation.

59. ***Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai** : Will the Government be pleased to furnish information regarding the following :—

(*a*) how many divorce proceedings have been instituted in the various Munsiffs' Courts of the State under the Nayar Regulation II of 1100 ;

(*b*) what are the dates on which the respective proceedings were started and terminated ;

(*c*) how many adjournments were there in each case ; how many of them were at the instance of the parties, and of the Courts and how many on account of the absence of the delegates or witnesses ;

(*d*) what is the cost incurred by the parties in each case ; and

(*e*) whether any inconvenience is caused to the parties concerned on account of the present system of enquiry in divorce cases ?

Mr. Kayalam Paramesvaran Pillai: (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): (*a*), (*b*), (*c*) and (*d*). A statement furnishing the information required is available for perusal in the office of the Secretary to the Sri Chitra State Council.

(*e*) There may be some inconvenience which is incidental to litigation.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : Sir, it is stated that a statement furnishing the information required is available for perusal in the office of the Secretary to the Sri Chitra State Council. May I know whether this statement will be published in the proceedings ?

Mr. Kayalam Paramesvaran Pillai : No, Sir.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : In that case may I know how the members will be able to peruse it ?

Mr. Kayalam Paramesvaran Pillai: They may go to the Secretary's office and peruse.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai : On a point of order. Sir, some questions are starred and some unstarred. The object of a starred question is to ask supplementary questions. If this was an unstarred question I could have understood the arguments of the Law Member. If the statement furnishing the information is available in the office of the Secretary how will we able to put supplementary questions ? Supplementary questions to at least starrrd questions should be answered on the floor of the House.

President : Presumably the answer has taken the form it has, because the statement is a very long and elaborate one and the idea occurred to those responsible not to print it along with this. But what the honourable member has said is noted.

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Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : May I know whether any of the proceedings has been terminated during two years' time?

Mr. Kayalam Paramesvaran Pillai : Yes, some have.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : May I know the percentage ?

Mr. Kayalam Paramesvaran Pillai : I have not made a calculation.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : May I know whether Government think of amending the Section of the Nayar Regulation ?

Mr. Kayalam Paramesvaran Pillai : No.

Dispute between the Nagercoil Municipality and the Pioneer Company.

60. ***Mr. N. K. Padmanabha Pillai** (*Neyyattinkara cum Nedumangad*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) how long it is since there has been a dispute between the Nagercoil Municipality and the Pioneer Company regarding certain matters which the Government have been appraised of ; and

(*b*) whether they have come to any definite decision in the matter ?

Rao Bahadur Rjyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai : (*a*) Nearly four years.

(*b*) No.

Improvement Valuation Bill:

61. ***Mr. J. John Kattakayam :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have received representations from the public praying that the Improvement Valuation Bill introduced in the Assembly by Mr. Vattapparambil Raman Pillai and which has gone through its second reading should not be passed into a Regulation ; and

(*b*) whether the people of this country have, at any time, clamoured for the alteration of the prevailing practice of valuing improvements, the decisions connected with it or the existing rules relating there-to ?

Rao Bahadur Rajyasevanirata Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai :

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Government have no information.

Mr. J. John Kattakayam: ഈ നിവേദനത്തിന്മേൽ എന്തു നടപടി നടത്തി എന്നു മെമ്പർക്കു പറയാമോ?

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